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TAGS: CH US PROP

SUBJECT: VOA JAMMING

1. PRC CONTINUES AS ONLY COUNTRY TO ROUTINELY JAM VOA  
LOCAL LANGUAGE BROADCASTS, A PRACTICE WHICH HAS CONTINUED  
WITHOUT INTERRUPTION SINCE 1956. WE AND USIA REMAIN  
CONCERNED BY THIS JAMMING AND BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE  
PRODUCTIVE TO RAISE IT NOW WITH THE CHINESE. ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ON JAMMING IS AVAILABLE IN BRIEFING PAPER, OF  
WHICH YOU HAVE COPY, PREPARED AT TIME OF SECRETARY'S  
VISIT.

2. WE DO NOT WANT TO APPROACH CHINESE ON THIS IN A  
FORMAL DEMARCHE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
APPROPRIATE NOW TO MAKE PRESENTATION THAT PUTS US ON  
RECORD ON THE ISSUE AND BELIEVE THERE IS A CHANCE THAT  
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OUR RAISING IT NOW MIGHT JOG PRC INTO STOPPING JAMMING.  
THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD SEEK  
OPPORTUNITY FOR AMBASSADOR, DCM OR COUNSELOR TO RAISE  
ISSUE INFORMALLY AND IN LOW KEY WITH CHINESE. IT MIGHT  
EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED AS ADJUNCT TO DISCUSSION OF USLO  
SUPPLYING INFORMATION/CULTURAL MATERIALS TO CHINESE.

3. IN DOING SO YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- AS WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER, WE  
CONTINUE TO BE PERPLEXED BY CONTINUED PRC JAMMING OF VOA  
CHINESE LANGUAGE BROADCASTS;

-- POLITICAL CONTENT OF CHINESE BROADCASTS ARE SAME AS  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS;

-- PRC IS ONLY COUNTRY IN WORLD WHICH JAMS SUCH  
VOA BROADCASTS;

-- CONTINUED JAMMING APPEARS TO BE INCONSISTENT AT TIME  
WHEN WE LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR  
PEOPLES AND WHEN WE HOPE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING CAN BE  
ENHANCED;

-- AMERICAN PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN PRESS AND  
CONGRESS, REACT TO REPORTS OF JAMMING IN A DISTINCTLY  
NEGATIVE FASHION;

-- CESSATION OF JAMMING WOULD REMOVE A SOURCE OF  
EMBARRASSMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP;

-- WE HOPE THAT CHINESE MIGHT REVIEW CURRENT PRACTICE.

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